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BOAT RAMP OPEN AT STARVATION STATE PARK

Duchesne – The new main boat ramp at Starvation State Park is now open and a wedge dock will be in place until ice forms. The new boat ramp is part of ongoing construction at the park. When complete, the park will offer new restrooms, and campsites with electric and water hookups. For information and current park conditions, visit statepark.utah.gov or call 435-738-2326.

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ANNUAL PASSES MAKE GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS

Salt Lake City -- Give the gift of the great outdoors this holiday with a Utah State Parks Annual Pass. Explore Snow Canyon State Park, hike through goblins at Goblin Valley, discover dinosaurs at the Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum or visit any of Utah's state parks and museums.

Passes for the 2011 season are available in early December. Annual Passes sell for \$75. Utah residents 62 years and older may purchase a Senior Adventure Pass for \$35, which offers the same benefits as the Annual Pass.

Passes allow the cardholder and up to seven guests in the same vehicle, day-use access to most state parks. Passes are honored at all state parks except This Is The Place Heritage Park. Passes do not cover the Davis County Causeway fee at Antelope Island State Park and are good for one rider/machine only at Jordan River Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area.

Passes may be purchased at any state park, region office, online at stateparks.utah.gov and at the Utah State Parks Administrative Office located at 1594 West North Temple in Salt Lake City. For more information, please call 801-538-7220 or 877-UT-PARKS.

UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

December 1 – January 31 Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse Art Gallery Exhibit: Enjoy the photography of Deanna G. Reeves on display in the visitor center art gallery. 801-725-9263

December 6 Territorial Statehouse State Park Museum - Fillmore Old Time Christmas in the Rock Schoolhouse: Bring your family from 6 to 8 p.m. and celebrate the true spirit of Christmas the old fashioned way. Warm up next to the wood stove, make homemade ornaments and string popcorn for your tree. Play games, make candles and create simple pioneer toys. This is a joyful event for the entire family and a great way to begin the holiday season. 435-743-5316

December 9 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding Winter Solstice Star Lab and Stories: Enjoy an evening of winter stories and star legends in the new Star Lab recently donated to the museum by Nancy Maryboy and David Begay. Event is limited to 20 participants. 435-678-2238

December 11 Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield Ladies of Camp Floyd Day Camp: Take a step back in time to learn about the lives and times of women at Camp Floyd. This camp teaches everyday activities completed by women of Camp Floyd. Participants wear period dresses, meet costumed interpreters, play 19th century games, learn etiquette of the period, construct rag dolls, learn period dances, and more. This program is designed for youth eight to 11, and an adult must accompany participants. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Registration is \$15 per person and is limited to 24 participants. 801-768-8932

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